

ZAIMIS GIVES UP THE TASK

Zaimis, Greek premier by virtue of King Constantine's subversion of the constitution following the elections in the kingdom, has at last resigned. It was announced a few days ago that he would remain, would have the support of Venizelos, and would lead the country on the side of the allies, even if it should participate in the war. But evidently he had so far lost the confidence of the real Greek people that it was found impossible for him to dominate the situation.

Whatever may happen in the reconstruction of the government, Venizelos will be the controlling figure; and Venizelos has been for a firm adherence to the allied cause. The allies are demonstrating a power and readiness in the Balkan area that, despite the initial reverse of the Roumanians, leaves little doubt of the final outcome in that territory, though it may require a long campaign, probably one of terrific bitterness, to cut the Orient railway and crush Bulgaria and Turkey.

Incidentally, Roumania has been the victim of her own rapacity in 1912, when she seized a slice of Bulgaria south of the Danube. The Danube was at that section the natural boundary, a guarantee against temptations to reckless raids for territorial gains. Roumania had no business wanting that area; there was no racial reason for demanding it, for it is inhabited mainly by Turks. When the time came to defend it, Roumania was unable to do so, and suffered her first serious losses in the war.

In the remaking of the Balkan map, such illogical distributions of population and area must be avoided, or this war will be followed by another, just as certainly as the present horror followed from the indecent disregard of common sense and human sensibilities when the treaty of Berlin carved up the Balkan area.

TEACHING US TO INVEST

Someone has estimated that a large proportion of American families, probably 80 per cent, are not more than one month removed from starvation. Their existence depends upon the precarious tenure of the breadwinner's "job."

Socialists would point a political moral from this, but even Socialists would admit individual blame in a large majority of cases. Absence of thrift is a notorious American characteristic. Within the last few years saving has been preached in various quarters. But any banker will inform the average citizen that saving is considerably handicapped without a knowledge of proper means of investment.

To remedy this general ignorance the American Bankers' Association intends at its coming convention in Kansas City, to start an educational campaign to teach Americans of moderate means how to save. Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, of New York, heads the movement.

When the average man comes to invest \$500 he is all at sea. He flounders between some wildcat project which promises big returns and threatens his capital, and an investment so safe and sane that he might as well buy Government bonds, and let it go at that. His banker usually will give sound advice, if he but asks for it, and there are plenty of reputable brokers. But the average man is shy of bankers, and ignorant of the standing of brokers.

If the American Bankers' Association can get its propaganda to the small investor, and give him the best way to save his hundreds, the thousands will take care of themselves. There is a psychological incentive to saving money to invest profitably, which does not attach to putting it in a savings bank and letting it remain there.

THE QUEBEC BRIDGE HOODOO

Two fearful disasters in connection with the effort to spring a cantilever bridge across the St. Lawrence river at Quebec suggests the question whether there are engineering limitations on the construction of this type of bridge. Nine years ago a very similar accident happened; the great key span, that makes the central section of the bridge, was being hoisted into place when it collapsed. The accounts disagree as to exactly what happened. It was being hoisted into place by hydraulic jacks which were amply powerful to raise the 5,000-ton span. There seems to have been no question of power; the span had already been lifted about fifteen feet when the accident happened. Apparently the trouble was due to the fact that

the key arch, constructed to fit precisely into the niche left for it between the two shore arms, was not built to sustain itself in a different position.

It has proved one of the most difficult problems of modern engineering, the construction of this bridge. For more than a half century the need of it has been realized. It would lope off 200 miles from distances between eastern and middle Canada, and effect a very important saving. Doubtless the project will be executed despite the series of mishaps that have attended it. But it compels some inquiry whether the cantilever arch is practical for such long spans and heavy construction as have been required in this case.

THE RESULT IN MAINE: ITS SIGNIFICANCE

Yes, you've heard the news from Maine. That isn't the real question. Do you know what it means?

Maine is the greatest political barometer since Vermont went out of the political forecasting business. But after all, Maine's forecasts are a good deal like some other prophecies: we have more confidence in them after the verification than before.

There is an ancient rule that if Maine goes Republican by less than 20,000 in September, the Democrats will carry the country in November. This year Maine seems to have gone Republican by about 15,000 in September.

To the old 20,000 rule, there have been some distinct exceptions. This year is an exceptional year, because it marks the effort to restore the solidarity of the regular and Progressive elements of the Republican party. The returns from Maine indicate that the very large majority of Progressives in that State have returned to their Republican allegiance, and that if throughout the country they return in the same proportion, the Republicans will carry the November election.

It must be considered, further, that a tendency such as is indicated by the Maine amalgamation of Progressives with Republicans, tends to be continuous. More Progressives will vote with the Republicans in other States, because of the influence of Maine's demonstration that amalgamation is possible and is being accomplished.

Now as to the fact that Maine's Republican majority, after all, falls below the 20,000 mark. Maine was voting on State as well as national issues. It was electing two Senators who will have to do exclusively with national affairs; and it was also voting for a governor and legislature, that will deal with the liquor question. The hope of the Democrats lay largely in two things: the personal hold of the President, and the liquor issue. The returns indicate that the Democrats were a trifle weaker on State issues than on national ones, for Governor Curtis, Democrat, was beaten by a larger majority than either of the Democratic candidates for the Senate.

Most significant perhaps of all the items in the tabulated returns is the fact that the Republicans elected all four Congressmen. The Republicans were supposed to be handicapped by the fact that one candidate for the Senate was personally weak and running against a Democrat who was personally very strong; likewise, by the fact that McGillicuddy, Democrat, for Congress, was supposed to be very strong. Most Democrats believed that McGillicuddy would win. His defeat strongly indicates that the next House of Representatives is likely to be Republican. The defeat of Senator Johnson gives the Republicans one more gain in their fight for control of the Senate than they had expected. Altogether the outcome, while not decisive of anything, is calculated to give the Republicans more of cheer than the Democrats will extract from it.

THE "KILLED, WOUNDED, AND MISSING"

A London dispatch says Germany's war casualties as made up from German official lists have been killed, wounded, missing, and prisoners, 3,375,000 from the war's beginning to date.

The computation is stated thus: The figures for August follow: Killed..... 42,700 Prisoners..... 1,800 Missing..... 42,900 Wounded..... 163,800 Total..... 249,300

Figures for the war to the end of August:

Killed..... 882,000 Prisoners..... 1,800,000 Missing..... 224,000 Wounded..... 2,144,000 Total..... 3,950,000

It will be observed that over two-thirds of the total is represented by killed and missing. A very large proportion of the wounded return to

the battle line, and of those who do not, a large share escape being incapacitated as workers. So the computations are of comparatively little value even if their accuracy were undoubted.

But in fact there are other elements of large uncertainty. The August figures as here given account for 42,700 as killed, and 42,900 as "missing." What does "missing" mean?

In the American civil war it meant, in large proportion, deserters. It meant that same thing in the Revolutionary war. It did in the Napoleonic wars, though to less extent. But in the present European war, military men say, there have been almost no deserters because it is impossible to desert. The deserter is in a densely populated country, patrolled everywhere by soldiers. An able-bodied man running around loose is inevitably under suspicion; he must give account of himself. So desertion is next to impossible.

The 42,900 Germans listed by the Germans themselves are therefore in the main men who have been killed or taken prisoners under such circumstances that the German staff could not know their fate. They may have been killed in the enemy's lines, or inside their own lines which were being taken by the enemy. They may have been captured.

In the month of August, it will be noted, the "missing" were more numerous than the killed; yet for the whole period of the war the missing number only a little more than one-fourth the number of killed. This is because, in the bitter trench warfare, on the defensive, the Germans have been unable to keep themselves informed of the fates of the men they lost. Military authorities say that without doubt a very large proportion of Germans set down as missing were in fact killed; the rest captured, some wounded, and some sound.

WASHINGTON'S NAVY YARD

Washington loses the chance of getting the proposed naval scientific laboratory, ostensibly because it must be located at a seaport with enough water to accommodate a battleship.

This reason may or may not be the real cause for placing the \$2,000,000 establishment in a city of political significance. But in view of the fact that Washington's Navy Yard (we had almost placed quotation marks around the phrase) really cannot be reached by the biggest battleships, it must suffice as at least a perfectly plausible explanation.

Some citizens of Washington have urged the need of deepening the Navy Yard channel, and making the Nation's Capital accessible to all its naval vessels. The project is one which cries out to be executed, and which would pay big dividends if it were undertaken.

At present Washington has an excellent gun factory, misnamed a Navy Yard, but there is no reason why it should not have a Navy Yard in fact.

THE WOMEN IN THE TRENCHES

A Russian princess, according to dispatches from Petrograd, having lost husband, father, and brother in the war, bobbed her hair, donned khaki, and managed to get into the ranks, where she fought for some time before her secret was learned and she was sent away. She escaped surveillance and repeated the performance, going back to the trenches, and sustaining a wound as result of which she was sent to a hospital and again found to be a woman.

It is reported that the French armies contain a great number of women, despite all precautions designed to keep them out of the ranks. Many of them have made excellent soldiers, too. One French writer has declared that among hundreds of cases discovered, not one came to light because of the woman's failure in the matter of personal, physical courage. They were just as capable of bearing hardship and facing danger as the men, and if they were not so strong muscularly, the difference between them and the men was not great enough to cause comment.

A number of like cases have been described in the story of our own civil war, on both sides. Tradition has assumed that the women are not adapted to the business of fighting; but then, before this war, they were not presumed to serve as machinists in munition works, as street car conductors, or in many other occupations that they fill with credit and efficiency. The women of the trenches are the exceptions, of course; but the women of the fields and shops have carried their full share of the burdens and furnished their share of the heroes of the conflict.

Heathen For 128 Years, Indian Changes Faith

CASS LAKE, Minn., Sept. 12.—(Kaiser) A native Indian, said to be 128 years old, and a heathen all that century and a quarter, was buried in the Spirit Land of the Chippewas' Happy Hunting Ground, he declared today. He has taken the name, John Smith, and turned Christian.

With Due Credit

Girl Who Found Diamond Given Lot for Honesty.
(Times Headline.)



Seasonable Bargains.
One Palm Beach suit for a ton of coal. One lawn mower for a base burner. Fifty feet of hose for a snow shovel. One Panama hat for a pair of gloves. Three suits of B. V. D.'s for a fleeced union suit.

One pair of tennis shoes for a pair of galoshes. One fishing outfit for an ashifter. Three sport shirts for a knitted scarf. One tennis racket for a rick of wood. One sport stripe outfit, the wife's, for a felt hat. One hot summer for a salubrious fall. —Spokane Review, Spokane.

Try Us by Jury.

Try Us by Jury. It's what saves us and keeps us out of jail. As any who are wise can clearly see; For when things are at their worst, one can always count on the hope.

Take a case which we have followed and which finished yesterday: How defendants could get clear we could not see. But today we pick the papers up, and read in bold black type, "The jury disagreed by nine to three."

Nine thought defendants crooked, and three thought that they were straight. So defendants were not broke, but merely bent. They had averaged up well to our present-day ideals. They were honest—seventy-five per cent.

So if I get into trouble, and they let me out of jail, it is but a short time I'll take to decide.

I'll get a drove of lawyers and start the hunting. Twenty-five per cent of whom are on my side. —The "In," London, Ontario, Advertiser.

"The Feel of Fall."

"The feel of fall is already in the air," says the Columbia State, "and when the season starts the feel of fall will be a pretty prominent feature of life in our academies of arts and letters."

Note on a Certain Lady.

I'm acquainted with a lady fair. I think you've met her. She "never has a thing to wear." Does that sound strange to you?



It seems "without a thing to wear" she'd be afraid some day. Somebody would be a smart swear. Because she went that way. —Roy K. Moulton, in Oakland Enquirer.

Freaks.

According to reports, there are to be no freak styles in men's clothes this year. There will, however, be the usual number of freaks in men's clothes. —Detroit Free Press.

Spring Twilight.

Singing in the rain, robin? Ringing out so fast. All thy lullabies, as if This singing were thy last.

After sundown, too, robin? Though the fields are dim, And the trees grow dark and still, Dripping from leaf and limb.

'Tis heart-faltering music— That sweet faltering strain— Like a minuet, like a waltz, Half ecstasy, half pain.

Surely thou art singing, robin, Thou must have a phiz! Beautiful skies behind the shower, And down beyond the night.

Would thy faith were mine, robin, Then, though night were long, All its silent hours should melt Their sorrow into song. —Edward Rowland Sill.

Winkers.

He never winks at any nix, Who by his window passes; And there's a reason, it is this: He's wearing colored glasses. —Youngstown Telegram.

He never winks at any nix, He never deigns to speak; His eyes are perfectly all right; He's just been spiced a week. —Plainville Telegram.

He never winks at any nix, No matter where he is; He tried that once and, sad to say, The lady told him he was faking. —Birmingham Age-Herald.

He's now been married just a year— In fact is quite blue with old plow; He says his wife's a little dear, But his eyes will go astray. —Ashtabula Star and Beacon.

He never winks at any nix, Yes, that is why he looks so queer; He's far from his desire, He's a burnt child dreads the fire. —Jamestown Journal.

He never winks at any nix, The cause is quick to find— The explanation runs like this: The fellow's wholly blind. —Memphis Commercial Appeal.

"He never winks at any nix" "Why, don't believe you, And who tell such a tale as this? Does it to deceive you."

we gladly WELCOME the bands of CUPID to our city, EVEN if they do come "FROM" the side of WHY WELCOME is proper—RICHMOND.

It may be "GILLY" BAY let us hope that HONEYMOON limited may be a TRAIN accident never OCCUR and they will ALL LIVE happy ever AFTER AMEN.

love is THE SONG of the melodious BULBUL was heard in THE LAND and joy reigned SUPREME.

"Ramona," opening its second week at the Belasco Theater yesterday, delighted two audiences with its perfect combination of film play and music. Book lovers found themselves carried along in the actual environment of the novel of Helen Hunt Jackson, and found the story of the novel scrupulously followed in the film.

The spirit of the Clune production catches the time and place of the story—the music is well chosen and adapted—the result is an embodiment of realism and life.

"Ramona" is exceptionally cast. It is correct in the use of the camera work is excellent. The various scenes are artistically connected.

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Attractions of Week at Capital Playhouses

KEITH'S

The annual musical festival for patrons of Keith's is being held this week and again introduces the Masterplayers from Boston, an alliance of artists comprising quartets from the Harvard and the Schubert and Weber male quartets. They appear in a new musical and scenic spectacles set in the White Mountains of New Hampshire entitled "At the Flag Station." It is filled with solos, quartets, numbers and choruses. The quartet, the White Mountain Express, a realistic closing of the act. The singers were repeatedly encored last night.

George H. Rosener is another addition to the vaudeville ranks, presenting two unique character impersonations. The first is that of a dope victim and the second of a civil war veteran. In the latter he gives a graphic account of Pickett's charge at Gettysburg. Staggered, a former Pull favorite; Vessie Farrell, and Nellie DeGrasse appear in a story of a real life, entitled "Going Home," which is filled with humor and pathos, smiles and tears.

Sandy and Norton are entertainers of exceptional class, giving songs with trimmings, the latter consisting of genuine humor and dancing. Truly Shattuck and Marta Golden return with their comedy monologues and scored a hit. Julia Curtis, the girl with many voices, the latter being used in various impersonations. She is a distinctive entertainer and has a pleasing personality. Frank LeDent is a juggler with some "stunts" new in his line. To conclude, a portion of the program is devoted to the orchestra, the rendering of Rossini's "Harper of Seville" overture, Lindgren's "Poppy Time in Old Spain" were especially appreciated.

Concluding with the motion pictures of world events and the story of the life of the best that has been presented for Washington theatergoers.

Featuring cyclonic Babe LaTour, one of the most popular stars in burlesque, the Lion Tour burlesquers are paying their annual visit to Washington. They arrived yesterday and large audiences were on hand to welcome them.

This year's offering is in two acts and will feature a new and sensational plot, the piece to keep up the interest, when the large and attractive chorus is not on the stage. Babe LaTour has a number of new and her own original dancing won many honors. Leo Hoyt and Lester Allen are the funmakers of the aggregation, and their antics brought many laughs. Gladys Barker and June LeVay have delightful voices and led the chorus in a number of ensembles. Mabel McClure and Mickey Feeley, Barbary Coast dancers, are featured in a stunning scene in the last act. Specialties also are introduced by Miss LaTour and Miss Barker.

The chorus is one of the best seen at the Gayety this season. Elaborate scenic and lighting effects and smart dancing aid in making the new Lion Tour offering one of the best shows of the season.

The "Garden Girls," with Billy Finnegan and Jack Christie, opened a week's engagement at the Lyceum last night. Finnegan is an especially good comedian and made an unusual hit with the audience because of the fact that he is a Washington boy. Christie furnishes able assistance in eliminating dry moments.

Dollie Sterling, known as "the little girl with the big voice," amused the crowd immensely with a song and dance specialty and several popular songs. Davida Hawthorne and Anne Raymond also led the chorus in some catchy musical numbers.

The chorus consists of twenty shapely girls, who wear novel costumes. The performance concludes with a series of "living pictures" by the entire chorus. Anthony Massimo, an Italian wrestler, with the show. He gave a going act which displayed his muscular development. He offers to meet all comers during the week, and offers a forfeit to anyone he fails to throw in fifteen minutes.

The steady improvement that has been made in the quality of the average motion picture scenario of more than three reels in length is demonstrated in "The Forgotten Prayer," in which Anna Little, Frank Borzage, and Jack Richardson are seen at the Garden Theater the first part of this week.

The beginning of the play shows an old prospector in the desert. He tries to tempt the Lord's angels, and finds he cannot remember what comes after "Give us this day our daily bread."

The prospector, a little old fellow, picks up a sleeping outfit and starts for town to find out what the remainder of the prayer is. Near the end, a young couple who face a crisis in their lives.

The husband discovers that the wife has not told him the entire story of her past. He decides he cannot forgive her. The old prospector meets him, and asks him about the remainder of the prayer. The young man, repeating the "missing word," realizes that he has not forgiven trespasses as he hopes to be forgiven. A reconciliation is brought about. The production gives the play is in keeping with the spirit of the play.

James Chaplin in "The Count" is featured on the foreweek program, which will be repeated today. Tomorrow, Thursday, and Friday Billie Burke will be seen in "The Count," the nineteenth installment of "Gloria's Romance."

Thursday and Friday Richard Bennett will be presented in the musical production, "The Sable Blessing" and Saturday, Mary Mear Minter will be seen in "You're Entering Charm."

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